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Paramushiro Island

1. At Kashiwabara the following details were noted:

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- a. Next to the Kashiwabara wharf there was a shipyard for the repair of small ships.
- b. Trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, and jeeps were seen in the town. Roads were in a poor state of repair. Horses provided the chief means of transportation.
- c. Two or three 700 to 1,000-ton destroyers were at anchor in the harbor at all times. Approximately 15 Soviet fishing vessels and 3000 to 5000-ton freighters were also in the harbor.
- d. A soldier was observed carrying a portable telephone (sic).
- e. About 50 infantry troops were seen, mostly officers and non-commissioned officers. The commanding officer was a colonel.

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- f. There seemed to be an airfield on a small hill overlooking the harbor. On two or three occasions an airplane was seen flying at a high altitude.

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- g. About ten Koreans were seen about the town.
- h. A small motor boat ran between Kashiwabara and Tensu Jima (sic).

Shibotsu Island

- 2. At Nishiuratomari, the following details were noted:
  - a. The road in Nishiuratomari was in the same condition as when the Japanese were there. It did not seem to have been repaired since. Horse carts were the chief means of transportation. Occasionally, small trucks were seen.
  - b. There were about 40 to 50 infantry personnel in Nishiuratomari. No motorized or mechanized units were seen.
  - c. No cultural facilities such as schools, theaters, and hospitals were seen.
  - d. There were no berthing facilities in the harbor.

Shimushiru Island

- 3. At Buroton Bay, the following details were noted:
  - a. There was no road at Buroton harbor.
  - b. There were two small ships in the harbor, and anchored or sailing just outside the harbor was a 400 to 700-ton destroyer. There were two minesweepers in the harbor and two naval sentries.
  - c. On the Pacific Ocean side of the harbor there was a watchtower with a red and white flag.
  - d. There were about 20 soldiers stationed at Buroton. The commanding officer was a major. The soldiers carried small submachine guns. Three tanks were seen.

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